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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

Nebraska producers increased acreage planted to corn, soybeans, sorghum, dry edible beans, and oats from a year ago, while decreasing acres of winter wheat, hay, proso millet, sunflowers, and sugarbeets. Nebraska corn growers planted 9.9 million acres in 2012, up 1 percent from last year and the largest total since 1933. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 91 percent of the planted acreage, down 2 percentage points from 2011. Nebraska soybean producers planted 5.1 million acres, up 4 percent from last year and the second highest of record. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 95 percent of the planted acreage, down from 97 percent last year. Last fall, winter

wheat was sown on 1.4 million acres, down 8 percent from 2011. Area for harvest, at 1.32 million, is down 9 percent from 2011. Sorghum growers planted 165,000 acres, 10 percent more than 2011. Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 790,000, is up 1 percent from last year. Other types of hay, at 1.6 million acres, are down 6 percent from 2011. Dry edible bean producers planted 165,000 acres, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Oat seedings, at 80,000 acres, are up 33 percent from 2011. Proso Millet plantings of 65,000 acres are down 19 percent from a year ago. Sunflower acres of 35,000 are down 41 percent from 2011. Sugarbeet plantings of 51,000 acres are down 1,300 acres from last year.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2010-2012

Crop	Nebraska				United States				
	2010	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2010	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	
1,000 Acres				Percent	1,000 Acres				Percent
Planted Acreage									
Corn	9,150	9,850	9,900	101	88,192	91,921	96,405	105	
Soybeans	5,150	4,900	5,100	104	77,404	74,976	76,080	101	
Sorghum	155	150	165	110	5,404	5,481	6,210	113	
Oats	90	60	80	133	3,138	2,496	2,746	110	
Proso Millet	90	80	65	81	390	370	315	85	
Dry Beans	170.0	110.0	165.0	150	1,911.4	1,205.9	1,632.7	135	
Sugarbeets	50.0	52.3	51.0	98	1,171.9	1,232.7	1,244.1	101	
Winter Wheat	1,600	1,520	1,400	92	37,335	40,646	41,819	103	
Sunflower - Oil	25.0	38.0	20.0	53	1,463.0	1,289.5	1,496.0	116	
- Non-oil	37.0	21.0	15.0	71	488.5	253.5	308.5	122	
- All	62.0	59.0	35.0	59	1,951.5	1,543.0	1,804.5	117	
Acres for Harvest ¹									
Corn	8,850	9,600	9,600	100	81,446	83,981	88,851	106	
Soybeans	5,100	4,830	5,050	105	76,610	73,636	75,315	102	
Sorghum	75	70	80	114	4,813	3,929	5,238	133	
Oats	25	20	25	125	1,263	939	1,091	116	
Proso Millet	88	73	²		363	338	²		
Dry Beans	155.0	105.0	155.0	148	1,842.7	1,155.9	1,573.6	136	
Sugarbeets	47.5	51.6	49.0	95	1,156.1	1,213.1	1,215.9	100	
All Hay	2,690	2,480	2,390	96	59,872	55,633	57,669	104	
Winter Wheat	1,490	1,450	1,320	91	31,741	32,314	35,023	108	
Sunflower - Oil	24.0	35.0	19.0	54	1,422.5	1,233.4	1,451.0	118	
- Non-oil	34.0	19.0	14.0	74	451.3	224.4	284.4	127	
- All	58.0	54.0	33.0	61	1,873.8	1,457.8	1,735.4	119	

¹Forecasted for 2012. ²Estimates to be released January 2013 in the *Crop Production Summary*.

Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 29, 2012

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2012 totaled 355 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2011 and the smallest total since 2004. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 63.8 million bushels, up 42 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2012 totaled 20.7 million bushels, down 41 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2012 totaled 3.15 billion bushels, down 14 percent from June 1, 2011. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 667 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year. Old crop all wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2012 totaled 743 million bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2010-2012

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2010	June 1, 2011	June 1, 2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	June 1, 2010	June 1, 2011	June 1, 2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	255,000	190,000	170,000	89	2,131,400	1,681,500	1,482,000	88
Off Farms ¹	265,565	245,074	185,197	76	2,178,671	1,988,338	1,666,540	84
Total	520,565	435,074	355,197	82	4,310,071	3,669,838	3,148,540	86
All Wheat								
On Farms	2,800	650	700	108	209,900	130,915	112,030	86
Off Farms ¹	33,845	34,556	19,976	58	765,737	731,331	630,682	86
Total	36,645	35,206	20,676	59	975,637	862,246	742,712	86
Soybeans								
On Farms	12,500	11,000	10,000	91	232,600	217,700	179,000	82
Off Farms ¹	29,039	33,808	53,771	159	338,523	401,583	488,475	122
Total	41,539	44,808	63,771	142	571,123	619,283	667,475	108
Sorghum								
On Farms	1,200	400	300	75	10,700	3,140	4,120	131
Off Farms ¹	3,723	4,174	3,962	95	77,162	76,894	54,391	71
Total	4,923	4,574	4,262	93	87,862	80,034	58,511	73
Oats								
On Farms	250	200	220	110	17,600	14,580	11,120	76
Off Farms ¹	(D)	(D)	(D)		62,716	53,049	43,879	83
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)		80,316	67,629	54,999	81

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 29, 2012

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary June 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		June 2011 ¹	May 2012 ¹	June 2012 ²	June 2011 ¹	May 2012 ¹	June 2012 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	7.69	6.15	6.10	7.41	6.67	6.37
Corn	Bushel	6.32	6.36	6.30	6.38	6.33	6.25
Oats	Bushel	4.41	4.06	4.00	3.42	4.12	3.62
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	12.30	10.90	10.40	10.50	10.40	9.95
Soybeans	Bushel	13.00	13.80	13.40	13.20	14.00	13.70
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	86.00	125.00	136.00	163.00	199.00	183.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	89.00	134.00	140.00	180.00	215.00	201.00
Other, Baled	Ton	65.00	96.00	104.00	113.00	146.00	133.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	32.90	40.50	45.00	33.80	43.30	43.90
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.70 ³	62.80 ³	66.90 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.40 ³	63.20 ³	67.50 ³
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.70 ³	52.10 ³	51.70 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	107.00 ³	122.00 ³	122.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	110.00 ³	125.00 ³	125.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.90 ³	87.70 ³	86.80 ³
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	133.00 ³	176.00 ³	171.00 ³

¹Entire month average except hay. ²Preliminary. ³Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

(NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, June 28, 2012

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012, was 3.10 million head. This was down 2 percent from June 1, 2011 but unchanged from March 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 385,000 head, was up 1 percent from June 1, 2011 but down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.72 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up slightly from last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 65.8 million head on June 1, 2012. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2011 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.86 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States, 2011-2012¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,150	3,100	98	65,320	65,829	101
Breeding	380	385	101	5,803	5,862	101
Market	2,770	2,715	98	59,517	59,967	101
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 50 pounds	940	870	93	19,543	19,558	100
50-119 pounds	860	850	99	17,321	17,531	101
120-179 pounds	550	565	103	12,174	12,348	101
180 pounds and over	420	430	102	10,479	10,530	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	175	175	100	2,843	2,877	101
March-May	185	175	95	2,917	2,919	100
December-May ²	360	350	97	5,760	5,796	101
June-August ³	180	175	97	2,927	2,901	99
September-November ³	180	175	97	2,929	2,890	99
June-November ³	360	350	97	5,857	5,791	99
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,768	1,820	103	27,866	28,681	103
March-May	1,906	1,846	97	29,252	29,441	101
December-May ²	3,674	3,666	100	57,118	58,121	102
June-August	1,890			29,355		
September-November	1,872			29,365		
June-November	3,762			58,720		

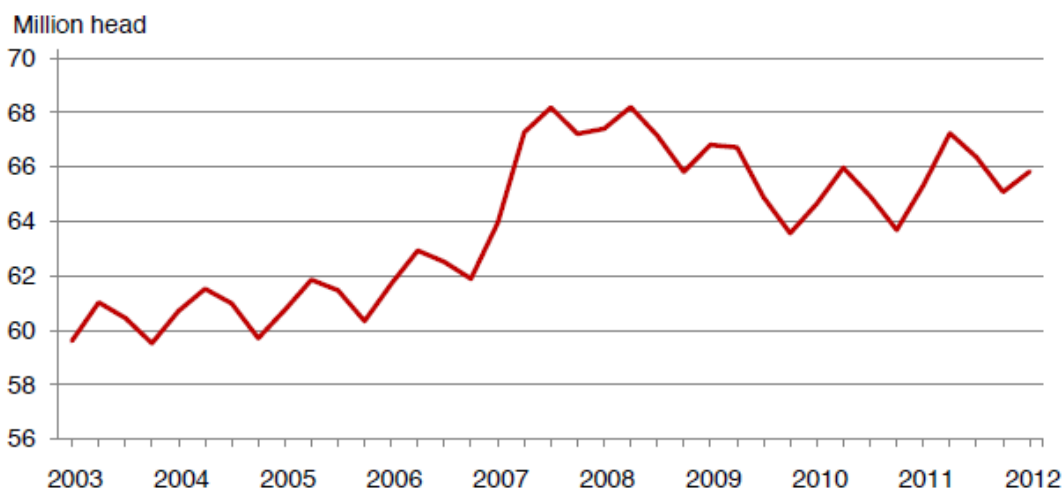
¹May not add due to rounding.

²December preceding year.

³Intentions for 2012.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 29, 2012

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: June 1



Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2012 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, May 2012 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	May 2012 percent of	
		May 2011	Apr 2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	599.0	107	118
Hogs, head	649.6	109	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	626.8	111	114
United States			
Cattle, head	2,875.6	102	112
Calves, head	59.2	97	105
Hogs, head	9,284.9	109	105
Sheep & Lambs, head	180.4	100	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,182.8	107	109

¹Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 22, 2012

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, May 31, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	May 31, 2012 percent of	
		May 31, 2011	April 30, 2012
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Total red meats	1,158,416	114	96
Beef	498,607	111	96
Pork	636,084	116	96
Poultry	1,151,126	95	110
Turkey	500,035	112	114
Chicken	646,841	85	108

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 22, 2012

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, May 2012 with Comparisons

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.2	9.2	100
United States	337.9	338.3	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	227	231	102
United States	6,651	6,689	101
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	42.9	43.3	101
Broiler	804.5	777.6	97

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 22, 2012

Thanks!

Thank you to the many Nebraska farmers and ranchers who participated in the USDA NASS midyear surveys. This publication highlights the results of those efforts. This basic supply data on crop acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventories is a significant piece of the information grain and livestock buyers and sellers utilize to ensure fair, efficient markets, reducing overall price volatility.

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